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National Cultural Jatha

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INDIAN PEOPLE'S THEATRE ASSOCIATION (IPTA)
RAGIKANA
SAMUDAYA Bengaluru
Launch

National Cultural Jatha

A JOURNEY OF LOVE & COEXISTENCE

JOIN A UNIQUE PADAYATRA TO UNDERSTAND,
SHARE, INTERACT,
CELEBRATE!

THE JATHA STARTS ON DECEMBER 1 & ENDS ON 7
AT BENGALURU - DEC 1-3. DAKSHINA KANNADA - DEC 1-7

|| Jatha Route & Cultural-Historical Significance ||

BENGALURU

December 1, 2023: Inauguration at Gandhi Bhavan 5 pm

December 2, 2023: at Jalahalli Circle – 2 pm

Cultural programme and interaction with workers of Peenya Industrial area and sale of Khadi clothes.

Intersection of M G Road-Brigade Road, and M G Road Metro station and surroundings - distribution of pamphlets, sale of khadi clothes, interaction with people

December 3, 2023: 10 am to 3 pm Onwards

Cultural programme at Ragikana premises. Interaction with people, sale of khadi clothes, distribution of pamphlets and valedictory of Jatha in Bengaluru

DAKSHINA KANNADA DISTRICT FROM MANGALORE TO MANJESHWARA

December 2, 2023

Route: Inauguration of Jatha - Mahatma Gandhi Memorial, Tagore Park, Mangalore - Gandhi Peace Foundation - Idgah Ground - Mahila Sabha premises - Kittel Memorial - Mogling Memorial - Kudmal Rangarao Samadhi - Ravindra Kala Bhavana, University College - Nehru Ground - Central Bus Stand - D C Office - Old Port Area - Fishing Port Area - Navbharath Night School premises - Gokarnanatheshwara Temple - Sultan Batheri premises - Halt at Mangalore

Cultural & Historical Significance:

Tagore Park, Built by Hyder Ali, Sultan of Mysore (1761–1782), nurtured by his son Tipu Sultan, visited by Gurudev Tagore, the park has stood witness to the freedom struggle and has been the starting point of the various struggles and workers' processions in Mangaluru.

Idgah Mosque, built during Tipu's reign, is very adjacent to the park. Next to this is the **St Aloysius Chapel,** built in 1885 by Rev Father Joseph Willy, a replica of world renowned Sistine Chapel at Rome.

Mahila Sabha, Established in 1911 by Desh Bhakt **Karnad Sadashiv Rao,** his wife **Shanta Bai,** and **Girija Bai,** mother of **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay,** to impart vocational training to child windows and women.

Rev Ferdinand Kittel (1832 –1903) is most famous for his studies of the Kannada language and for producing a Kannada-English dictionary of about 70,000 words in 1894.

Rev Hermann Mogling (1811–1881) was the publisher of the first ever newspaper in the Kannada language called as "**Mangalooru Samachara**" in 1843.

Kudmul Ranga Rao (1859-1928), "**Dalitoddharak**", established the "**Depressed Classes Mission**" in 1897 in Mangalore for providing education, better housing, drinking water and empowering the backward classes socially by guarding them against exploitation by other classes. He opened schools for the oppressed, provided mid-day meals for the children to encourage them to study in schools, and also did other social reforms such as widow marriages. His daughter **Radha Bai,** herself a child-widow, later married **Subbarayan**

Kumaramangalam, and was the representative of Indian women in the second Round Table. Their children were *Mohana Kumaramangalam* and *Parvati Krishnan*.

University College, Raveendra Kalabhavana, another heritage structure that was once the meeting hall of the town administration, now an auditorium.

Nehru Maidan - Central Bus Terminus - Deputy Commissioner's Office, Erstwhile palace of Bangararasas.

Zeenath Baksh Juma Masjid (Mosque that reflects beauty) is the 3rd oldest mosque in India and the oldest in the state of Karnataka, constructed during 644 AD. Also known as *Beliye Palli*, it is well known for its pure Indian architecture style.

Navabharath Night School, Karnataka's first night school established by *Khalid Mohammed* in 1943.

Sri Gokarnanatheshwara Temple, Built in 1912 and consecrated by *Sri Narayana Guru*, it's one of the oldest, with women and widows also acting as archakas.

SulthanBathery, Built by Tipu Sultan in 1784, the watch tower stands at the confluence of Netravati and Gurgur rivers with the Arabian Sea Can cross over to Tanneerbhavi beach on boats.

December 3, 2023

Route: Sri Brahma BaidarakadGaradi Centre—Sri Vaidyanatha Karmisthan—Sri Ramappa Memorial premises—Heppinamogaru Port—Boat ride to Harekula Kadavu—Maimuna Dairy Centre—New Padapu School of HarekalaHajabba—Night halt at Harekala

Cultural & Historical Significance:

Shree Brahma BaidarkalaGaradi Kshetra is a temple dedicated to the twin cultural heroes of Tulu Nadu region, Koti and Chennayya (1556-1591). The premises also has a unique temple dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, his idol offered pooja everyday.

Sri Vaidyanatha Devasthanam Karmistan, This area, Karmistan, was the land where workers' and peasants' movements in the fifties and sixties was very vibrant. It's apt to pay tribute to these leaders of yesteryears.

Sri Ramappa Memorial, Sri Jeppu Ramappa was a philanthropist who fed and helped the poor.

HarekalaMohidin Nursery, Harekala Moidin, known as Green Saint, was at the forefront of the land reforms struggles of the 70s.

Dairy farm of Maimuna, A dairy farm that now has more than 100 cows, is a model of rural entrepreneurship, where Maimuna and her husband have very successfully managed to create employment for nearly 80 youth, most of them Hindus.

New Padpu School of Harekala Hajabba, Padmashree HarekalaHajabba, fruit seller, built the school in his village to ensure education for the children there.

December 4, 2023

Route: Mangala gangotri University campus—Mudipu—Halt at Mudipu

Cultural & Historical Significance:

Mangalagangothri, Mangalore University campus at Mangalagangothri, located about 20 km to the south-east of the historic coastal town of Mangalore, sets the tone for the educational endeavours of the three districts under the jurisdiction of the University.

Mudipu hill is an exhilarating and interesting experience with a picturesque valley beneath the St Joseph Vaz shrine.

December 5, 2023

Route: St. Joseph Vaz and Sri Krishna Meditation Centre—Bangaragudde—Kananthur Vaidyanatheswara Temple—Poyathabail Juma Masjid— Manavati Biwi Darga—Halt at Poyathabail

Cultural & Historical Significance:

St Joseph Vaz Shrine and **Sri Krishna Dhyana Mandira**, Built on a hill, these are centres of harmony and spirituality.

Bangaragudde, a Dalit hamlet

Kananthoor Shri Vaidyanatheswara Daivasthanam, Legend has it that the daivas here depict the struggles and triumphs of women.

Poyathabail Juma Masjid and **Manavati Beevi Darga** is a very old shrine that attracts people across religions, Manavati Beevi being offered tributes as a saviour of the poor and the down trodden.

December 6, 2023

Route: Sunkadakatte—Gerukatte—Halt at Gerukatte

Cultural & Historical Significance:

Sunkatha katta, The erstwhile Toll Gate, on the Karnataka-Kerala border, is a popular junction for the confluence of people and cultures of Kannada, Tulu and Malayalam.

Gerukatte, Village along paddy fields in interior Kerala.

December 7, 2023

Route: Arasu Manjeshwara Temple—Ayiram Juma Masjid—Residence of Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai Valedictory function at Gilivindu Cultural Centre

Cultural & Historical Significance:

Arasu Manjeshwar Temple and Aayiram Juma Masjid, These shrines side by side stand testimony to communal harmony and peace. For the annual 4 days festivities at Arasu Manjishnar Daivasthanam, since nearly 8 centuries, the temple officebearers, led by the '**velichappad**', the chief priest of the Daivas, invite members of the nearby Aayiram Juma Masjid committee in Tulu language seeking their help to make the festival a grand success.

Gilivindu is a cultural centre set up in memory of **Rashtrakavi M. Govinda Pai** near Manjeshwaram in Kasargod, which was a part of the erstwhile South Canara district. **Sri Govind Pai** was a prolific writer and a polyglot, able to read and write fluently in 25 languages. He was awarded as the first Rashtra Kavi by the then British govt in 1949.

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